

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Brian Hoven, on January 12, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Brian Hoven, Chair (R)
Sen. Nels Swandal, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch
Barbara Pietuch, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 73, 1/6/2017

Executive Action: SB 41- Do Pass

00:00:02 Chairman Hoven

HEARING ON SB 73

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:29 Sen. Pat Connell (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 73, Revise laws related to livestock loss.

00:03:27 Sen. Lang entered the meeting.

00:03:39 Sen. Moore entered the meeting.

00:04:05 Sen. Caferro entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:01 Jim Hagenbarth, vice chairman, Big Hole Watershed Committee
[EXHIBIT\(ags09a01\)](#)

00:15:54 Marc Cooke, president, Wolves of the Rockies (WOR)
[EXHIBIT\(ags09a02\)](#)

00:18:47 Allen Martinell, rancher, Dell
[EXHIBIT\(ags09a03\)](#)

00:24:59 Wayne Slaght, president, Montana Stockgrowers Association
00:26:27 Zack Strong, representing Natural Resources Defense Council
00:28:48 Kara Maplethorpe, community organizer, Centennial Valley Association
[EXHIBIT\(ags09a04\)](#)

00:31:50 Tana Nulph, conservation programs coordinator, Big Hole Watershed Committee
00:33:14 Chelcie Cargill, director, State Affairs, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
00:34:09 Levi Ostberg, lobbyist, Montana Farmers Union
00:35:04 Nick Gevock, conservation director, Montana Wildlife Federation
[EXHIBIT\(ags09a05\)](#)

00:38:55 Jim Brown, director, Public Affairs, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)
[EXHIBIT\(ags09a06\)](#)

00:46:24 Harold Blattie, executive director, Montana Association of Counties

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:47:16 George Edwards, executive director, Livestock Loss Board (LLB)
[EXHIBIT\(ags09a07\)](#)

00:52:34 Mike Honeycutt, executive officer, Board of Livestock, Department of Livestock

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:56:25 Sen. Swandal
00:56:41 Mr. Cooke, WOR
00:56:47 Sen. Swandal
00:56:54 Mr. Cooke
00:57:58 Sen. Swandal
00:58:03 Sen. Moore
00:58:38 Mr. Brown, MWGA
00:58:47 Sen. Moore
00:58:57 Mr. Brown
00:59:23 Chairman Hoven
00:59:47 Sen. Connell
01:00:05 Mr. Edwards, LLB
01:00:54 Chairman Hoven
01:01:05 Mr. Edwards
01:01:40 Chairman Hoven
01:01:57 Mr. Edwards
01:03:01 Chairman Hoven
01:03:06 Mr. Edwards
01:03:51 Chairman Hoven

Closing by Sponsor:

01:04:00 Sen. Connell

01:07:30 Chairman Hoven

01:08:07 Brief recess
01:10:00 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 41

01:10:09 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Moore moved that **SB 41 DO PASS**. Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson was excused.

01:11:00 Chairman Hoven

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:13 PM

Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([ags09aad.pdf](#))